

liquors in the State of Texas during the present war with the Senate's amendment have met and the majority of the Committee recommend that the Senate recede from its amendment."

On motion the report was taken up and the Yeas and Nays on its adoption stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Beasley, Burney, Graham, Guinn, Lea, Lair, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Moore of Bastrop, and Quayle—10.

Nays: Messrs. Andres, Batte, Casey, Dickson, Ford, Harcourt, Hartley, Hord, Parsons, Reed, Selman, and Shepard—12.

Mr. Lea made the following report on a bill to provide necessary assistance for families and other dependents of soldiers, which on motion was taken up and adopted.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, March 6, 1863, 9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Burney, Chairman of Committee on Land Office, reported a Bill to reduce the number of clerks etc. and recommended that it do not pass. Rule suspended. Report taken up and adopted.

A Bill to repeal Article 123 of Chapter 6 and Article 175 and 176, Chapter 12 of the Penal Code, was read 2nd time and laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution to make Confederate money a legal tender. Read 2nd time and laid on the table.

A Bill appropriating \$1,000 to pay the expenses of taking up, etc. runaway slaves. Read 2nd time and laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution in relation to disbanding the military organization known as Coast Guards. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill providing for the election of Senators and Representatives to the 10th Legislature in counties occupied by the public enemy. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule further suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a bill to authorize the release of sureties on bonds of assessors and collectors. On motion taken up and read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule further suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill supplemental to acts to raise a revenue by taxation which on motion was taken up. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time. Mr. Dickson moved to strike out the tax upon Lawyers and Physicians. Upon the adoption of which the Yeas and Nays were called and stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Batte, Beasley, Casey, Cook, Dickson, Graham, Harcourt, Hartley, Lair, Maxey, Moore of Davis, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—14.

Nays: Messrs. Andres, Burney, Durant, Ford, Guinn, Hord, Lea, Moore of Bastrop, Quayle, Reed, and White—11.

Mr. Parsons moved to strike out "\$10,000" as tax on distilleries and insert "\$500." Mr. Ford moved to lay on the table. Carried, and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed. The Senate was informed that the House agreed to the Senate's amendment to this bill and that the House had passed a Joint Resolution concerning retaliation. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Mr. Hord moved to strike out "better known as Butler the beast." Lost. The bill was then read 3rd time and passed.

A Joint Resolution in response to Joint Resolutions of the State of Florida. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule further suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to amend the 9th Section of an act relative to the registration of deeds etc. approved May 12, 1846. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to authorize the Commissioner of General Land Office to issue certificates etc. with amendments of the Senate concurred in by the House.

Mr. Ford offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to employ such assistance in the engrossing and enrolling of bills as may be necessary." Adopted.

A Bill to remit the State Taxes on certain property within certain incorporated towns. Read 2nd time. The Yeas and Nays being called on the engrossment of the bill stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Beasley, Cook, Hartley, Hord, Quayle, Reed, and Shepard—7.

Nays: Messrs. Andres, Batte, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Lea, Lair, Maxey, Moore of Bastrop, Parsons, Selman, and Wheeler—15. So the bill was lost.

Mr. Lea made the following report: "The Committee on Finance, to which was referred a Bill to provide for the purchase of \$20,000,000 in the currency of the Confederate States, has considered the same and reports it back to the Senate without being prepared to express at present a well matured view of the subject and therefore request to be discharged from further consideration of the bill, the Session being about to close."

A Joint Resolution in relation to General H. H. Sibley. Read 2nd time. Substitute of Committee adopted. Mr. Cook offered the following amendment. "And that the charges preferred against him for his conduct in Arizona and New Mexico be properly investigated." Adopted.

Mr. Shepard moved to strike out all the 1st Resolution after the enacting clause to the word "confidence" inclusive. Mr. Cook moved to lay the amendment on the table. Carried. The resolution was then ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Hartley introduced Joint Resolution relative to Committees on the examination of the Penitentiary. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Parsons made the following report. "The Committee on Internal Improvements had had under consideration the accompanying bill to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue to all persons and corporations such land certificates as they may be entitled to receive under any general or special law of the State and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate

and recommend its passage with the following amendment. In Section 1 strike out all after the word 'State' in the 5th line. Amendments adopted and bill passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to incorporate the San Antonio Mutual Aid Association. Read 2nd time and passed to a 3rd reading. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed on call of Yeas and Nays unanimously.

A Bill to authorize the County Courts to establish a tariff on prices was, on motion of Mr. Parsons, taken from the table. Read 2nd time. Mr. Ford moved to indefinitely postpone, whereupon the Yeas and Nays were called and stood thus:

Yeas: Messrs. Andres, Casey, Cook, Dickson, Durant, Ford, Hartley, Hord, Lea, Moore of Bastrop, Reed, Selman, Shepard, and White—15 [14].

Nays: Messrs. Beasley, Graham, Guinn, Lair, Maxey, Parsons, Quayle, and Wheeler—8.

On motion of Mr. Lea, a bill to authorize the Comptroller to suspend the collection of ordinary taxes was taken from the table, read 2nd time, and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Durant offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the Secretary be and he is hereby required to see that all letters addressed to Senators coming to the post office in this place be remailed to their several post offices in the Counties of their residence." Adopted.

Mr. Guinn moved the appointment of a committee of two on the part of the Senate to act in conjunction with a committee of the House to inform the Governor that the Legislature will adjourn on tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock A. M. and to know if His Excellency has any further communication to make to them. Carried. Messrs. Guinn and Harcourt were appointed said committee.

A Bill to exempt the homestead of soldiers from taxation. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time and referred on Mr. Guinn's motion to Judiciary Committee.

A Bill to punish persons for the unlawful seizure of

wagons and teams on report of committee. On Mr. Hord's motion laid on the table.

A Joint Resolution to restrain the illegal exercise of military power in the State of Texas. Read 2nd time and laid on the table.

A Bill to provide for the purchase of \$20,000,000 Confederate Currency. Read 2nd time and laid on table.

A Bill authorizing the sale of Austin city lots. Read 2nd time. Mr. Guinn moved to strike from the bill all requisition to give notice through publication at Tyler. Adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed.

A Bill to suspend the corporate authority of the town of San Patricio. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended. Read 3rd time and passed on call of Yeas and Nays unanimously.

A Bill supplemental to an act to define the duties of Secretary of State passed May 7, 1846. Read 1st time. Rule suspended. Read 2nd time. Mr. Lea moved to strike out "assistant clerk" and alter the bill throughout correspondingly. Adopted. Mr. Hartley moved to strike out 2nd Section which, being withdrawn, Mr. Casey moved to amend by striking out all that portion of the bill which require the Secretary of State to purchase stationery and fire wood for the Legislature. Adopted. Mr. Casey then moved to lay the bill on the table. Carried.

A message from the House announced the passage by that body of Senate's bill authorizing the sale of lots in the City of Austin and that the House had appointed Messrs. Shelton, Clements, and Perry a Committee to wait upon the Governor etc. The committee reported that they had performed that duty and His Excellency had no further communication to make. Also that the House had passed Senate's bill to suspend the corporate authority of the town of San Patricio.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor the following bills:

A Bill to incorporate the Columbus Mutual Aid Association.

A Bill to supply a deficiency in a certain appropriation for paying officers and soldiers of State troops.

A Joint Resolution of thanks to General J. B. Magruder and others.

A Bill to incorporate the Goliad Aid Association.

A Bill appropriating \$20,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for recovering or repairing the roofs on the Capitol, the General Land Office, the Old Land Office, and the Treasury building.

A Joint Resolution providing for the payment of the expenses of the investigating of the Joint Committee on both Houses of the condition of the Penitentiary.

A Bill to incorporate the Caldwell County Mutual Aid Society.

A Bill supplemental to an act to punish speculation in certain cases.

A Bill to incorporate the Washington County Mutual Aid Association.

A Bill to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the conscript laws of the Confederate States of America.

A Bill to provide for the sale of lots in the City of Austin.

A Bill to suspend the corporate authority of the town of San Patricio.

A Bill to provide necessary assistance for families and other dependents of officers and soldiers.

Mr. Dickson offered the following: "**Resolved**, That the thanks of this Senate are hereby tendered to Lieutenant Governor John M. Crockett for the able, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations at this extra session and in his retirement from the labors of the Session, he carries with him the warmest wishes of the Senate for his welfare." Adopted.

A message from the House announced the passage of the following bill from the Senate. A Bill to punish persons who evade or assist in evading the conscript laws.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until ½ past 7 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, March 7, 1863

7 ½ o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Publisher of the *Almanac Extra* is hereby re-